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BUDGET MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 1, 2014 AT 9:05 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BOROUGH HALL.

Mayor Dempsey's statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 30, 2013.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Bossone, Sinneck, Donovan, Mangan, Olivera and McCarthy

Absent: None

Also present was Municipal Administrator/CMFO Joseph DeIorio.

Mr. DeIorio updated the council on the Community Disaster Loan Program (CDL) that the Borough participated in last year. He also updated the council on the Community Development Block Grant through the Division of Local Government Services that supplements the CDL.

Council Member Mangan stated that the Police Department budget will be held until the next scheduled budget meeting to allow the council enough time to review the documents that have been submitted.

PUBLIC WORKS

Also present was Thomas Nicastro, Superintendent of Public Works.

**** Streets and Roads 01-26-290**

Council Member Mangan briefly went over the budget and stated that for some of the line items the bottom line should be looked at for budget purposes. He advised that the operating expense budget is down \$300 from last year's budgeted amount.

There was discussion on the Traffic Signs line item and the Road Material/Paint line item and Thermoplastic Lines.

It was recommended that in the Road Material/Paint line that Cold Patch be increased to \$4,000 and Hot Patch to \$5,000 split between beach and current.

Mr. DeIorio stated that prior to the budget being adopted Mr. Nicastro will identify areas that he believes need thermoplastic which will be the \$5,000 that is allocated, but if the council knows of any areas that they believe need to be addressed they should let Mr. Nicastro know.

****Parks and Playgrounds – 01-28-375**

Council Member Mangan stated that each of these line items is based on Mr. Nicastro's past history of what and where purchase orders should be applied. He stated that overall the requested amount is down by \$700 from last year.

There was discussion on the Garden Club and what their needs are and what is budgeted for in this line. There was also discussion on what was destroyed by Super Storm Sandy which the Garden Club is responsible for.

****Waterways – 01-30-411**

Council Member Mangan stated that there is no difference in this year's request compared to last year and this budget handles the boat docks.

Council Member Donovan stated that there was about \$20,000 more for the docks that was charged to the Sandy Bond on top of what was actually spent in 2013 in this line.

****Water & Sewer - 05-55-502**

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Council Member Mangan asked that Mr. DeIorio explain the breakdown for the amount proposed for the water/sewer rate of \$608,125.78 and the difference requested as this is under that amount by \$17,446.20.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the amount proposed for water/sewer rate in the fall was based on estimates. He stated that when the rate was struck for 2014 the amount was estimated for operating expenses and now during the budget the actual numbers for year end are being used. He stated that whatever savings the Borough gains from the amount that is under what was estimated then less CDL money would be used.

Council Member Mangan stated that the committee is recommending that if there is any savings the amount would be used for the CDL payments.

Mr. Nicastro explained to Council why he believes there was such a change in the electric to the water plant with the new equipment.

Council Member Mangan stated that he agrees that this line item should be changed to \$60,000 and he recommends that any money that is not used in this line item be used to pay down the CDL as it will not affect the water/sewer rate.

There was discussion on the Electric Power line and it was recommended that this line item be increased to \$60,000. There was also discussion on Lab Reports line item and it was recommended to decrease this line item to \$6,500. There was discussion on the lime and other chemicals line items and why there was an increase in gas usage.

Mr. DeIorio went over the unemployment trust and accumulated leave trust and where they are being charged.

There was discussion on lab reports and it was recommended that this line item be changed to \$6,000.

****Vehicle Maintenance – 01-26-315**

Mr. DeIorio explained how the repair of vehicles is charged out.

There was discussion on the new vehicles that Mr. Nicastro is requesting, shared vehicles and the long term budgeting for vehicles.

Council Member Mangan stated that the committee requested the 10 year equipment replacement plan to see the history of repairs of the vehicles.

Mr. Nicastro stated that the new vehicles requested are through a state contract and they all include lights and plow.

Council Member Donovan asked that this request be discussed at a Public Works Committee meeting before a decision is made as to what to buy, where the Borough is going and how it will be bid.

Mr. DeIorio stated that this information was put out to the council so they have the documents to review prior to the capital discussion.

There was discussion on public works vehicles, how old they are, amount of repairs and usage.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the discussion on capital will be at the next scheduled budget meeting on February 22, 2014.

There was discussion on the capital budget and what might be on it and what should be on it.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council Member Mangan made a motion to open the meeting up to the public, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

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There being no comment from the audience, Council Member Olivera made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Mangan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m., seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Ilaria
Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED 2-18-14